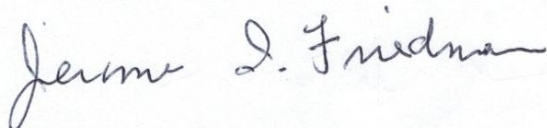


## Framework of New Institute

In the area of science, Vietnam has two great needs. The first is to make closer connections with the international world of science. The second is to increase its scientific activities and to provide opportunities so that its most talented young scientists do not have to go abroad to find positions in which they can do their science at the highest levels. The creation of an Institute of Excellence associated with the ICISE International Center in Quy Nhon would serve both purposes. This Institute would concentrate, in its first steps, in theoretical physics of all varieties, very much like the highly successful Institute of Theoretical Physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara. It would be international in nature in that its faculty members would be made up of both Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese scientists. It would have both permanent members and junior members of limited term who would carry out research at the highest levels. It would also be able to invite foreign scientists for stays up to a year. This Institute would arrange conferences and workshops at the ICISE international center. The members of the Institute should have teaching privileges at Quy Nhon University, but no teaching obligations. They should also be able to supervise students at the University in Master and PhD research.

The Institute and the ICISE international center will work together to promote science and education in Vietnam. With regard to the management of the Institute, the Institute should have a director, a deputy director and an international board of governors. The board of governors should appoint the director and be responsible for formulating the policy of the Institute. The initial director of the Institute should be foreign, and the language spoken at the Institute should be English because English is the international language of science. The funding for this Institute should come from the government. A possible name for this Institute is the Vietnam International Institute of Excellence.



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